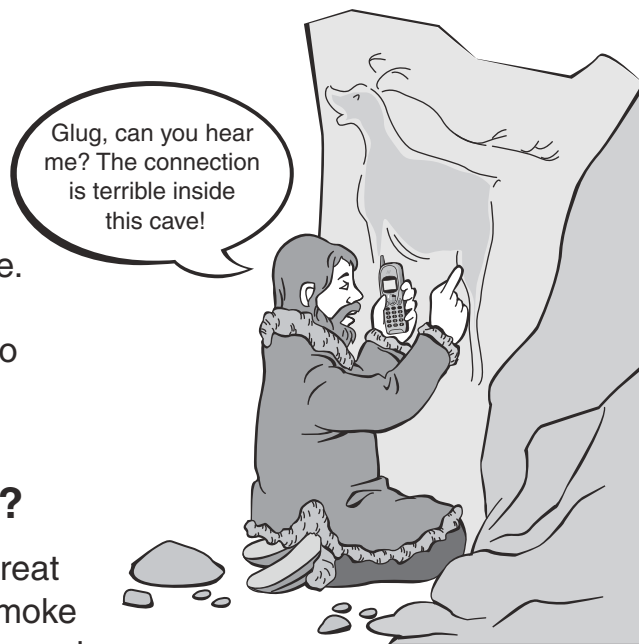


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## Great Communicators

### Why Communicate?

Because we must. People need to communicate. We need to give information to other people. We need to get information from others. Even newborn babies communicate. They cry to communicate their need for food or changing. As they grow, they learn more ways to communicate—to speak, to read, and to write.



### Who were the great communicators?

The first person to paint on a cave wall was a great communicator. So was the first person to use smoke from a fire to send signals. What about the person who figured out how to use pigeons to carry messages? Or, the person who had the idea to connect computers thousands of miles apart to share information? All these people were communications inventors.

### Why do people invent new ways to communicate?

If you asked an inventor this question, what do you think he or she might say?

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### Which communications invention was the greatest?

It's a matter of opinion. You might say the telephone, invented over 100 years ago. Or, your favorite online computer game, which just came out last year. Some people think the greatest invention of all is the Internet. List some reasons why that might be true.

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Write what each invention could do (advantages) and couldn't do (disadvantages) to help people communicate.

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Disadvantage: \_\_\_\_\_

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Advantage: \_\_\_\_\_

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Disadvantage: \_\_\_\_\_

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newspapers

Advantage: \_\_\_\_\_

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Disadvantage: \_\_\_\_\_

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cell phone

Advantage: \_\_\_\_\_

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Disadvantage: \_\_\_\_\_

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television

Advantage: \_\_\_\_\_

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Disadvantage: \_\_\_\_\_

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